



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of an Environmental Justice Transportation Planning grant from the State of California Department of Transportation.

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2004

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of an Environmental Justice Transportation Planning grant from the State of California in the amount of \$80,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In July of 2002, then City Planner J.D. Hightower submitted an application for an Environmental Justice Transportation Planning grant to the State of California Department of Transportation, for an Eastside Mobility and Accessibility Planning (EMAP) Project. That Grant application was made on behalf of both the East Side Improvement Committee and the Community Partnership for Families, as a joint effort to measure cultural preferences for residential street design features which in turn will remove barriers to job access and family development.

The EMAP Project will use a comprehensive method involving workshops and surveys in which all residents can have input on how their streets look and work and in deciding what transportation improvement projects and other public works improvement projects are to be planned for their local neighborhoods. By measuring cultural preference for various street design features, it is anticipated that future street improvements will foster a sense of community for Lodi's Eastside neighborhoods.

The initial response from the State of California Department of Transportation was that funding had been suspended for the 2003/04 Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant Program. However, in May of 2004, we received notification that those grants were being awarded for the 2004/05 year and that the City of Lodi's application for the EMAP Project had been approved for funding.

FUNDING: The \$80,000 in grant funds from the State of California will be used to hire a facilitator to develop an outreach strategy, design surveys, hold workshops and tabulate results for the project. Matching funds in the amount of \$14,000 were necessary to qualify for this grant funding. The grant application identified the following in-kind services and personnel costs for Staff assigned to assist the Eastside Improvement Committee, the Community Partnership for Families and a facilitator in carrying out the EMAP Project.

In-Kind Services (Duplicating):	\$ 500.00
<u>City of Lodi Personnel Costs:</u>	<u>\$13,500.00</u>
Total City of Lodi Expenditures	\$14,000.00

APPROVED:

Janet S. Keeter
Janet S. Keeter, Interim City Manager

The Personnel Costs identified for this project would be for the following City Staff assigned to the EMAP Project:

City Engineer	Public Works Department
Transportation Manager	Public Works Department
Senior Traffic Engineer	Public Works Department
Community Improvement Manager	Community Development Department

Richard Prima, Public Works Director



James R. Krueger, Finance Director



Konradt Bartlam
Community Development Director

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Attachments

cc: Richard Prima, Public Works Director
Wally Sandelin, City Engineer
Tiffini Fink, Transportation Manager
Paula Fernandez, Sr. Traffic Engineer

PROJECT SCOPE SUMMARY SHEET

EASTSIDE MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY PLANNING (EMAP)

Objective

Facilitate the Eastside Improvement Committee (EIC) and the Community Partnership for Families to conduct a series of workshops and surveys to find cultural preferences for street design features. Surveys and workshops will be held in multiple languages to foster participation of minority populations. Once cultural preferences for street design features are identified, future City of Lodi street improvement projects will include these features.

Discussion

The Eastside Improvement Committee is a volunteer committee selected by the Lodi City Council to help solve the multitude of problems facing this distressed area. The Community Partnership for Families is a combination of public and private organizations that work to leverage both human and financial resources already available in our community, thereby allowing programs and services to be redirected into the neighborhoods more efficiently. Through their work in the Lodi community, both the Eastside Improvement Committee and the Community Partnership for Families provide an excellent channel of communication to the residents in the Eastside community.

Street improvements in the Eastside area have traditionally not sought out the input from either of these groups and there is a perception that these street improvements may have actually exacerbated existing problems. By measuring cultural preference for various street design features, it is anticipated that future street improvements will help foster a sense of community for the Eastside area of Lodi.

Previous Work Completed

The Eastside Improvement Committee provides on-going assistance to residents in the area. Primarily involved in social service and code enforcement matters, the EIC has witnessed a direct correlation between street design and social behavior patterns.

Task #	Task Description	% of Work	Cost
1.	RFP for Facilitator Selection and Start-up	5%	\$4,000
2.	Develop Outreach Strategy	7%	\$7,000
3.	Survey Design	7%	\$6,500
4.	Coordinate with LUSD	5%	\$4,500
5.	Develop Education Plan	16%	\$15,500
6.	Hold Workshops and Design Charrette	21%	\$20,000
7.	Conduct Surveys	27%	\$25,000
8.	Tabulate Results	6%	\$6,000
9.	Publish Findings	6%	\$5,000
Total		100%	\$94,000

Products

1. Identify cultural preferences for street design features.
2. Menu board items for future street improvements
3. Draft Final Report

Revenues			Expenditures		
City of Lodi General Fund	\$500	.5%	City of Lodi Staff	\$14,000	14.9%
In-Kind Services	\$13,500	14.4%	Facilitator	\$80,000	85.1%
Environmental Justice Grant	\$80,000	85.1%			
Totals	\$94,000			\$94,000	

E-MAP SCHEDULE & FUNDING

Project

Title:

E-MAP WORK PROGRAM

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RESOLUTION NO. 2004-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FROM THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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WHEREAS, the City of Lodi is in the process of implementing an Eastside Mobility and Accessibility Planning (EMAP) Project with the funds provided through this Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant from the State of California Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the EMAP Project seeks to measure cultural preferences for residential street features, which in turn will remove barriers to job access and family development; and

WHEREAS, the EMAP Project will use a comprehensive method in which all residents can make a difference on how their streets look and work and in deciding what transportation improvement projects and other public works improvement projects are to be planned for their local neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Public Works Department will incorporate the information gathered through the EMAP Project into the planning and design for future capital improvement projects throughout the Eastside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Lodi City Council as follows:

- 1) That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to take all necessary steps to secure the grant funds from the State of California Department of Transportation to provide funds for the EMAP Project.
- 2) That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized and empowered to conduct all negotiations and submit all documents, including but not limited to contracts, subcontracts, applications, agreements, extensions, renewals, payment requests, and amendments of funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration and California Department of Transportation, which may be necessary for the completion of the EMAP Project.
- 3) That the City Manager is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the City of Lodi to execute all documents, including but not limited to contracts, subcontracts, applications, agreements, extensions, renewals, payment requests, and amendments of funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration and California Department of Transportation, which may be necessary for the completion of the EMAP Project.
- 4) That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Lodi to accept, appropriate, expend, and administer grant funds in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the approved grant for the Project.

Dated: October 6, 2004

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-206 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held October 6, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hitchcock, and Howard

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Land and Mayor Hansen

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan J. Blackston", with a stylized flourish at the end.

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk